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MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña
Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Anne S. Hill
John Hammargren

Excused Absence

Rita Hall
Carl E. Moore

Staff

Angie Montes, Acting Division Chief of Commission Services
Lee Millen
Nyla Jefferson
Sandra Barbee, Administrative Deputy, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice Chairperson Bacio and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of June 2, 2010 were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairperson Montaña requested that the Commission adjourn in memory of former Commissioner Caffie Greene and UCLA Basketball Coach John Wooten.

Chairperson Montaña shared the following:

- Thank You Letter from Sheriff Leroy Baca for Commission's commendation of Captain Daniel Cruz and Deputy Roel Garcia, Men's Central Jail.
- Reviewed Los Angeles Times Newspaper article:
 - *Sinkhole at the County Probation Department (6-9-10)*
- Read one of two letters from girls residing at Camp Scudder regarding misconduct in class. Discussion followed on advising Donald H. Blevins, Chief Probation Officer regarding these alleged concerns.

Chairperson Montaña presented, on behalf of the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections, a Los Angeles County five-signature scroll to Sandra Barbee, former Chief of Commission Services, honoring her exemplary service to the Commission. Ms. Barbee thanked the Commission for the recognition. Chairperson Montaña invited all to have a slice of the German Chocolate cake she prepared for the occasion.

Vice Chairperson Bacio announced that the floral arrangement is a birthday gift for Chairperson Montaña provided by the Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,510.93.

STAFF REPORT

Lee Millen, Staff, reported that mileage reimbursements are calculated by Payroll using Map Quest as total miles driven.

Provided an e-mail from Lisa Campbell, Probation Department, that advises that per Community Care Licensing's code the Needs and Services Plans must be immediately available for review by site inspectors.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS ON GROUP HOMES AND/OR DETENTION FACILITIES INSPECTIONS FROM JUNE 3, 2010 TO JUNE 8, 2010

Moore's Cottage (Altadena) – 30, #1 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on June 3, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Dream Home Care, Inc. #2 – 14, #4 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on June 3, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Beverly Hills Courthouse Branch - Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Hammargren The facility was visited on June 3, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Camera monitors should be placed in the Sergeant's office rather than the Clerk's office, and better signage for courthouse entries is needed. A Deputy was directing facility operations in that the Sergeant and senior Deputy were on a scheduled day off.

Children Are Our Future (Legg House) – 7, #3 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill

The facility was visited on June 4, 2010, and was found to be in satisfactory condition. The previous visit occurred on April 16, 2010. **Areas of Concern:** Need to complete remodeling; master bath needs shower door; bathrooms need caulking (the interior of the house is being painted); repair and place cabin doors up in hallway; and replace the rug on stairs. A follow-up inspection is planned in 30 days.

Los Angeles Youth Network (Taft House) – 28, #1 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on June 7, 2010, and there was no one home. The previous visit was on November 5, 2009.

Camp Joseph Scott Probation Camp – Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Hall

The facility was visited on June 8, 2010, and was found to be in unsatisfactory condition. The previous visit was on June 1, 2010. **Areas of Concern:** The camp was filthy; work orders to repair the main washing machine leak and the loose barbwire were submitted; dirty laundry was on the floor; bathroom needs cleaning; there was inadequate staffing and no staff training provided; skilled mental health personnel not on premises; and the state, federal and local inspection reports were locked in the Director's office.

Camp Kenyon Scudder Probation Camp –Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Hammargren

The facility was visited on June 8, 2010, and was found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Oven two is non-operational and both breakers need repair. Staff is not versed in necessary improvement needed, i.e. federal, state, grand jury reports.

Five Acres (Solita) – 19, #4 – Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on June 8, 2010, and found to be in satisfactory condition. It was previously visited on May 20, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENT

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of former Commissioner Caffie Greene and UCLA Basketball Coach John Wooten at 12:10 p.m.